

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of record, alone or in combination, teach a drug mixing system, comprising a receptacle port adaptor, a vial adaptor and at least one syringe adaptor comprising: a septa housing; at least two septa enclosed in said septa housing, said at least two septa defining a space therebetween; and a needle, including a tip located in said space when said syringe adaptor is not connected to said at least one of said at least one receptacle port adaptor and said at least one vial adaptor.

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